

## State Water Resources Control Board

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### STATE SCHOLARSHIPS HELP TEACHERS TAKE OCEAN LESSONS TO THE CLASSROOM

**LONG BEACH**—As experts and environmentalists from around the world devise ways to save California's ocean, almost three dozen teachers are picking up real world lesson plans thanks to an innovative scholarship program.

The fourth California and the World Ocean conference is running in Long Beach until Wednesday, September 20, with 1,000 attendees from California and around the world. Topics as varied as sea otters, detecting pollution quickly and building suburbs so they don't add to water pollution are being examined by world-class experts.

Classes of another kind, kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, are represented by more than 30 teachers who are participating and will teach their students versions of some lessons learned. They will also bring to their classes a renewed appreciation of the economic and ecological value the ocean has for the state. The teachers' participation is made possible by scholarships paid for by the State Water Board. They were awarded by Cal/EPA, the state's Environmental Protection Agency.

Water Board chair Tam M. Doduc observed, "This is a long-term investment. Environmental protection isn't just a lifetime commitment; it demands that the message and the passion to protect our world be transmitted into the future. What better way is there to help the next generation understand the job ahead than aiding teachers acquire first hand knowledge?"

The \$20,000 program pays for the teacher's conference registration, travel and living expenses. It also compensates their school districts for the cost of substitutes. The teachers came to Long Beach from 12 counties and represent charter schools, public schools and parochial schools.

A complete list of scholarship recipients is below:

Name	County	District	School
Susan Peterson	LA	Long Beach	Cesar Chavez
Arlene Dulce	LA	Long Beach	Cesar Chavez

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Name	County	District	School
Eliza Zamor	LA	LAUSD	Gertz-Ressler High School
Jonathan Barron	LA	LAUSD	Gertz-Ressler High School
Sara Laimon	LA	Lawndale	ECHS
Sarah Utlay	LA	BHUSD	Beverly Hills High School
Lani Munasinghe	LA	Compton	Dominguez High School
Julie Knoop	LA	Burbank	Burroughs High School
Teresa Burchette	LA	LA Alliance for College Ready	Huntington Park Academy
Christopher Ward	LA	Long Beach Parks	El Dorado Nature Center
Joy Martin	Orange	Orange Diocese	St. Callistus
Randy Hudson	Orange	Capistrano	Dana Hills High School
Teri Osborne	Orange	Garden Grove	Santiago High School
Rebecca Kromer	Orange	Capistrano	Dana Hills High School
Courtney Browne	San Diego	San Diego CS	Mann MS
Lakshmy (Uma) Krishnan	San Diego	Del Mar Union	Torrey Hills
Michael Samale	San Diego		The Bishop's School
Elena Cala	San Diego	Diocese of San Diego	Holy Family
Heather Gastil	San Diego	Sweetwater	San Ysidro High School
Laurie McIntire	San Diego	Encinitas	All Elementary
Maureen Cottrell	San Diego	San Diego City	Kearny Complex
Tricia DeLuna	San Diego	San Diego City	Hage Elementary
Araceli Anguiano	Riverside	Corona-Norco	Corona HS
Ramona Gonzales	Riverside	Temecula Valley	Great Oak High School
Becky Beckett	Ventura	Ojai	Nordhoff High School
Kimberly Pratt	Alameda	New Haven	Cabella Elementary
Mary Anne Maloney	Sonoma	Santa Rosa City	Doyle Park
Laurie Guest-Mackay	Solano	Vallejo Public Charter	Mare Island Tech Acad
Sara Kalmanovitz	Humboldt	Jacoby Creek	Jacoby Creek Elementary
Linda Driver	San Joaquin	Lodi	Independence School
Karen Keltner	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	Cousteau's Ocean Futures
Jennifer Tarabochia	Placer	Western Placer USD	Creskide Oaks & Twelve Bridges Elem

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